

REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

With this Amendment A, claims 1, 5-8 and 11-13 have been amended, while claim 10 has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-9 and 11-20 are currently pending.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 10. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to change the dependency therein, claim 5 now depending from claim 2 rather than claim 1, and claim 6 now depending from claim 5 rather than claim 1. Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to now generally reference the pentavalent phosphorous halide, consistent with the language of claim 1; the recitations in claims 7 and 8 to specific pentavalent phosphorous halides have thus been removed. Finally, claims 11-13 have been amended to change the dependency therein, the claims now depending from claim 1 rather than claim 10.

B. Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 10-20, in view of the Terminal Disclaimer Applicants previously submitted.

C. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103 and Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Office's finding that claims 10-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In as much as Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 10, and that all other pending claims depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 as amended, Applicants respectfully submit that the obviousness rejection of claims 1-9 is rendered moot, and that all pending claims are in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

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